The BRITISH LUTHERAN

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Jerome

The greatest service of Jerome to the Church wa his translation of the whole Bible from the origina languages into Latin. Called the Vulgate, i.e. th "common" since it was intended for the common mar it was for centuries the only Bible of the Weste Church.

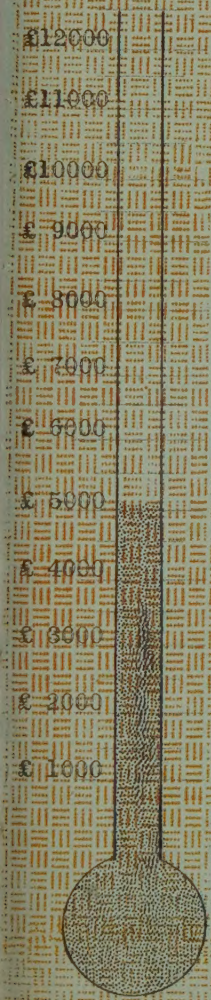
The translation and exposition of Holy Scriptur occupied a great part of his life. An anecdote an event which he says had occurred in his infan impressed him deeply. Didymus the Blind, Jerome teacher and a man celebrated for his genius a knowledge of the Bible, was asked by a hermit whet er he felt sad because he was blind. Didymus w silent but then admitted that it was a heavy tria "Strange!" said the hermit, "that you should grie at the loss of a gift which flies and ants posses and not rather rejoice in possessing a knowled which only saints and apostles have deserved!"

Jerome was one of the most scholarly Fathers of t Latin Church. Born on the frontier of Pannonia (n Hungary) about 331 of Christian parents, he was n baptized until he was about thirty when he was Rome studying Greek philosophy and Roman literatur

A dream diverted his whole study from secular Biblical writings. The Lord, he says, appeared him and said: "Jerome, thou art not a Christia but a Ciceronian."

He retired to the deserts of Chalcis near Antio but the life of a hermit was too much for his co stitution. He studied at Constantinople under t famed Gregory Nazianzen and then returned to Rom Under the patronage of Bishop Damasus, he began h Biblical labours, first on the basis of the Gre New Testament and the Septuagint, and later usi also the original Old Testament Hebrew text. In 3 Jerome withdrew to a cell near Bethlehem where unt his death in 420 he worked in the Scriptures, s of his commentaries being read to this day.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND



1957 Goals

£10,000 in Loans and Donations
£50 per week in Savings Stamps

Receipts to March 17th:

I. SAVINGS STAMPS

	Investors	Value
KENTISH TOWN	12	£ 18
TOTTENHAM	41	8
RUISLIP	40	48
SUNDERLAND	71	23
BROMLEY	13	9
OTHERS		

II. LOANS AND DONATIONS

	Loans	Donations
KENTISH TOWN	£3216	£ 30
TOTTENHAM	250	
RUISLIP	302	1
SUNDERLAND	13	2
BROMLEY	230	10
OTHERS		1063
Totals	£4011	£1106
Grand Total		£5117

INVEST IN

YOUR CHURCH'S FUTURE

LOUIS A. BRIGHTON

Present pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church o
South Tottenham, London, and member of the ELC
Executive Council, the Rev. Louis A. Brighton wa
born on a Sunday morning, October 30, 1927 i
Saskatoon, the capital of the Canadian province o
Saskatchewan.

Mr. Brighton received his primary education at Pana
Illinois where his father, a Lutheran minister, wa
serving a congregation. From 1943-46 he attended
Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. From 1946-
he served in the American Army, the greater part o
Korea and Japan. Here the desire to enter the min-
stry was born. Returning to America, he attended
Washington University for a time and then enrolled
at Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis i
1948, earning the B.A. degree in 1950 and the B.
in 1952. After graduation in 1952, he accepted the
Call to London.

Mr. Brighton was married in 1948 to Miss Mary Belle
Williams. They have four children: one boy Steven
born in St. Louis in 1951; and three girls: Ann,
Christine, and Mary Helen, all born in London.

Our Blind Brethren

Blinded by an accident at the age of three, Louis Braille (1809-1852) nevertheless became a professor and invented the alphabet called by his name. Each of a number of arrangements of dots embossed on a suitable paper represents a letter or number which a blind person can read by running his finger over the raised portions.

Our Church's Mission to the Blind is unique among Protestant churches and has evoked the admiration of many responsible people, among them Helen Keller. The Lutheran Library for the Blind, located in St. Louis, U.S.A., makes Christian books available in Braille, Moon, and on long-playing Talking Book Records. The Lutheran Messenger (Braille) and The Lutheran Herald (Moon) are among the leaders in circulation in their respective fields and are read by the blind throughout the world. The Herald has 170 readers in England alone. Teen Time is our youth magazine in Braille.

Periodicals and such books as the Catechism and Hymnal are printed by Braille presses, but wherever the demand for a single item is too small to merit the cost of printing, a body of volunteer Lutheran ladies called the Transcribers assume the task.

Out of love for their Saviour and for sightless people, these Christian women have mastered the Braille system and devote their spare time to embossing by hand printed material, one lady having transcribed ninety complete books by hand.

The Transcribers divide themselves into groups, each group assuming responsibility for a specific phase of the work. One section transcribes hymns in loose-leaf form; another renders our regular Sunday School lessons into Braille; a third undertakes the granting of individual requests like that of a blind mother who wanted school books put into Braille so that she could help her seeing child with her homework. This one assignment took 600 pages in Braille.

TOTTENHAM Junior Bible School for children age 9-11 popular and successful in help ing children from non-Christian homes to make th difficult transition from Sunday School to Confirm ation Class .... new confirmation instruction grou of nine children formed as a result ... in additio to monthly film shows, special Passion film "Behol the Man" to be shown three times on Good Friday .. Tottenham youth team defeated Petts Wood Luthera Youth Club in table tennis on March 7th .... retur match at Petts Wood on April 11th .... then Kentis Town .... seven bundles of clothing packed and dis patched to Hungary by Ladies' Guild.

BOREHAM WOOD Initiation of youth work on Mar 19th brought 10 to junior sectio (ages 12-13) at 6.15 p.m. and 8 to senior (14 a over) at 7.30 p.m. ..... not including the cro that attended the Commemorative Stone Unveiling 17th February, average February worship attendan was 24, Sunday School 33 ... construction work go ahead: roof going on Church Hall, parsonage wal nearly completed.

RUISLIP Pastor Rakow back on duty again aft his stay in hospital ... the doubl feature - "Invitation to the Wedding" and "Youth f the Kingdom" - on March 19th drew capacity cro and many favourable comments .... pleasant contra to February showing when due to a projector brea down "All That I Have" was cancelled and "all th we had" was a bit of hymn singing and a cup of t ..... new Youth Club arrangements: devotions to conducted by youth members in rotation, monthly cl discussions on present-day youth problems to be pr pared and conducted by volunteers ..... Buildi Fund benefits by two $10 donations from youth a ladies of St. John Lutheran Church of Suring, Wis and by Memorial Wreath of Pastor and Mrs. Rakow . lacking the possibility of their own midweek Le ten services, members journey to Luther-Tyndale.

SUNDERLAND Current shipyard strike affects 50% of Sunderland's population ..... demolition and construction continues in East End around the church ... St. Timothys saddened by the death on March 3rd of Thomas Watson, recently appointed Chairman of Christian Education ..... March 17th reception of Dr. and Mrs. Humphrey Kidd from Winnipeg, Canada and of Mrs. Werner Stolz from Riga, Latvia raises communicant membership to 24 ..... new adult instruction class of 3 formed ... midweek services supplant Bible Class during Lent ..... SS attendance holding steady at 140.

PETTS WOOD Ladies' Guild formed at home of Mrs. J. Barker to hold monthly meetings .. Youth Club selects play - probably one of the TV "Grove Family" series - for presentation at London Youth Rally at Petts Wood in late May ..... first 16mm showing of "Martin Luther" in South London, in spite of minimum of advertizing, filled every chair in the hall ... induction of Pastor John Sims set for Judica, April 7th.

BROMLEY Another successful social evening arranged by Youth Club was enjoyed by more than 40 old folks and youth ..... Pastor and Mrs. Sims receive warm welcome.

KENTISH TOWN William Arndt Memorial Service, March 10th, brought representatives of various Lutheran and non-Lutheran groups to Luther-Tyndale ... Bishop W. Fierla spoke for the Lutheran Council of Great Britain ... Dr. D. Johnson of the Inter-Versity Fellowship who met Dr. Arndt as by chance on a New York-bound liner in 1947 .... tape recording of St. Louis Memorial Service heard by a large congregation after the Lenten service on March 20th .. "Martin Luther" showing: March 30 .. one of the four clergy to be invited to the Mayor of St. Pancras' annual dinner was Luther-Tyndale's Norman Nagel ..... young people plan big reception for class to be confirmed on May 5th.

"ARNDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP"

A "William Arndt Memorial Scholarship" Fund was opened for contributions and memorial wreaths in all ELCE churches and missions on Sunday, March 10.

The Fund is intended to perpetuate the work and memory of the late Professor William Arndt and will be administered by the ELCE Executive Council in favour of qualified young men wishing to train for the Lutheran ministry at Cambridge.

The following donations have been received:

LUTHER-TYNDALE MEMORIAL CHURCH, KENTISH TOWN:
Memorial Offering £20.10.8; Mr. and Mrs. John Dunsbier £1; Mr. C. W. Buckley £2; Anonymous £30. Total: £53.10.8.
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SOUTH TOTTENHAM:
Bible Class £2; Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson £2; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kahl £1; Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunsbier £1; the Rev. and Mrs. L. Brighton £1. Total: £7.0.0.
ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH, SOUTH RUISLIP:
Memorial Offering £4.11.6. Total: £4.11.6.
ST. TIMOTHYS LUTHERAN CHURCH, SUNDERLAND:
Memorial Offering £2.6.10; the Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Kromphardt £3 and in memory of Thomas Watson £2. Total: £7.6.10.
BROMLEY LUTHERAN MISSION, BROMLEY:
Memorial Offering £2; Anonymous £50; Anonymous £10 Total: £62.0.0.
PETTS WOOD LUTHERAN MISSION, PETTS WOOD:
Memorial Offering £6.5.0; Mr. and Mrs. Graf £50; the Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Pearce £5. Total: £61.5.0.
BOREHAM WOOD LUTHERAN MISSION, BOREHAM WOOD:
Memorial Offering £2.3.7; the Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Borgas £1. Total: £3.3.7
OTHERS: Berean Bible Class, Lutheran Church, Maple Heights, Ohio, U.S.A. £5. Total: £5.0.0.
GRAND TOTAL: £203.17.7.

MEMORIAL WREATH

In loving memory of Mr. Valentine Kulak of Jasper Alberta, Canada, who died February 1957 from the Rev. and Mrs. A. Rakow £2.10.0 for the St. Andrews Building Fund.

DR. ARNDT MEMORIAL SERVICES

A Memorial Service for the Rev. Professor William F. Arndt was held at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri on March 3, 1957. The Memorial Sermon was preached by Prof. Richard Caemmerer while the President of the institution, Dr. A. O. Fuerbringer, delivered the Appreciation. A tape recording of this service is available upon request.

The late Dr. Arndt served since 1921 as professor of New Testament Exegesis and Literature at this Lutheran divinity school which has at present more than 1000 ministerial trainees enrolled. Last summer he was given leave of absence to found a programme of ministerial training at Cambridge for the Church in this country.

Dr. Arndt died suddenly on the railway platform at Cambridge on Monday, February 25th while travelling from a week-end with his cousin, Mr. Victor Graf of Farnborough, Kent to his lectures at Cambridge. His remains were flown back to St. Louis where interment took place in a private service on March 7th.

Memorial Services in Britain

Memorial Services were held in every congregation and mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England. At Luther-Tyndale Church in London, the special service conducted by the Rev. Norman Nagel, was attended by visitors from Cambridge and London. Bishop W. Fierla of the Polish Lutheran Church spoke of the high esteem in which Dr. Arndt was held by other Lutheran bodies in Britain.

Leading national newspapers like The Times and the Manchester Guardian printed long obituaries as did most of the religious press. The West Kent Mercury headlined the death of "Downham's American", noting the fact that Dr. Arndt had preached regularly during the last months of his life at the Lutheran Mission in Downham.

Kentish Town

Tottenham

APRIL 27, 1957

1957 SYNOD

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND

LUTHER-TYNDALE MEMORIAL CHURCH

LONDON NW5

S. Ruislip

Sunderland

OPENING SERVICE	9.45 A.M.
RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS	10.30 - 6
CLOSING COMMUNION SERVICE	7 - 8.30

Bromley

Borehamwood

ATTEND ... the 1957 Synod

HEAR ..... Reports and Resolutions

WORSHIP . with your Brethren

Cardiff

Petts Wood

JOHN SIMS' INDUCTION APRIL 7TH

The Rev. John Sims will be inducted as ELCE pastor in the Southeast London area at special ceremonies to be held in Bromley and Petts Wood on the Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 7th. The induction rite will take place within the usual services beginning at 11 A.M. at Petts Wood and at 7.30 P.M. at Bromley.

London-born Mr. Sims prepared for the Lutheran ministry at Concordia College, Adelaide, was ordained in Melbourne, and married Miss Rosemary Ebelt before sailing for Britain on the SS "Strathnaver". The new minister and his wife arrived at Tilbury on Friday, March 15th. They are at present living with his parents in South Ruislip.

Pastor and Mrs. Sims will move shortly into a home in Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent. Preaching engagements at Holy Trinity of Tottenham, Luther-Tyndale of Kentish Town, and St. Andrews of Ruislip have given London Lutherans an opportunity to meet Pastor Sims before he assumes his responsibilities in Southeast suburban London.

A LETTER FROM ST. LOUIS

The following communication was received recently by Mr. Victor Graf, ELCE Treasurer, from the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

"Dear Mr. Graf:

Through the First National Bank in St. Louis we have received a bank check for $649.87 in U.S. funds, representing the transfer of £232.10.3 from our ELCE congregations and missions. You advise that this money was collected for our mission programme in the Philippines.

On behalf of our Synod, may we thank the ELCE through you for this fine contribution which evidences our "oneness" in working together for the cause of missions.

Very sincerely yours,
Charles Groerich,
Assistant Treasurer"

THE SON OF GOD!

We are told that when our Lord bowed His head
death, a Roman soldier standing at the foot of t
Cross exclaimed: "Truly, THIS WAS THE SON OF GOI

That was the unsearchable wonder of it all. The M
on the centre cross was the divine Creator, t
omnipotent Sustainer of the universe. The hands
that cross were the hands that had set the sun a
moon and stars in motion. "Truly, this was the S
of God!"

Can these things be? They must be. If mankind w
to be redeemed, God Himself would have to do i
The blood of no mortal would avail. But "the blo
of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us."

Have you made your peace with God through faith
the atoning death of Jesus Christ, the Man who w
truly the Son of God?

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